

competing in multiple tournament formats during the weeklong event.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Japanese American National Bowling Association (JANBA) for its courageous beginnings to oppose segregation in the aftermath of World War II and providing a venue for social interaction and friendly competition for fellow Americans.

EDUCATORS HONORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two faculty members of the College of Southern Maryland who have been honored by the Association of Community College Trustees. Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Elaine Ryan, is the recipient of the 2003 Chief Executive Officer Award and Professor Bill Morton is the recipient of the 2003 Faculty Member Award.

Mr. Speaker, the ACCT awards program is very competitive at a national level. This program annually recognizes the contributions made by trustees, chief executives and faculty members. The association is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees.

Being selected the recipient of the 2003 Chief Executive Officer award is a great honor and privilege. Dr. Ryan has devoted over thirty years to the College of Southern Maryland and in 1998, was appointed the college's third president. She is the first female to hold such responsibility at this college. Under her leadership, the community college has become a regional institution serving three counties with four campuses. According to the 2003 Maryland Higher Education Commission Report on Retention, Transfer and Graduation Rates, the College of Southern Maryland ranked first in the State for the highest four-year graduation and transfer rates among Maryland community colleges for its first-time, full-time entering freshman class of 1998. This is a significant achievement for the college. Dr. Ryan, as CEO, no doubt has had a very active part in making the college as successful as it is today. She is admired and respected for her administrative ability, intellect, and love of her community. She is very active in her community serving on the Governor's Information Technology Board, the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board, the Charles County's Vision in Teamwork and Leadership organization and the Board of Directors for the Maryland Mentoring Partnerships, as well as many other community organizations. She is a role model for many young people in the community and has been nationally recognized for her efforts in education.

No college can be successful without the intelligent and caring men and women who strive everyday to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. Having professors who love to teach students is what makes a college the best that it can be. Professor Bill Morton has been recognized by the ACCT for his innovative instruction in accounting, econom-

ics and management. He is a pioneer in his field, utilizing distance learning through broadcast and video-based telecourses, interactive television, online courses, and cooperative education. He has devoted thirteen years to educating youth at the College of Southern Maryland. He believes that the only way to teach students is to reach students. Morton integrates his own life lessons into his teachings by drawing on his fifteen years of military and private sector experience. In 2000, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (Region 2) awarded Morton the Teaching Excellence Award. For the past two years, the faculty at CSM selected the professor to receive the Faculty Excellence Award. Morton's expertise in his subject, positive attitude toward his students, and passion for teaching draw admiration from his peers and pupils alike.

On this day, I would like to recognize these individuals for their achievements in the field of education. Teaching is one of the most important professions in our Nation today and it is important to recognize those outstanding teachers for educating our Nation's youth and inspiring them to succeed in life. Dr. Elaine Ryan and Professor Bill Morton have worked hard to achieve this outstanding award presented by the ACCT. Their dedicated service to the College of Southern Maryland, to their profession and to their community has benefited and enriched the lives of so many. Southern Maryland is fortunate to have such committed professionals and we all thank and congratulate them for a job well done.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LODGE NO. 83 IN LEBANON, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Laclede Lodge No. 83 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Lebanon, Missouri. The Freemasons of this lodge have worked diligently and provided many hours of community service in Lebanon and Laclede County.

Lodge No. 83 was chartered in 1854 and the first Master of this lodge was Dr. I.W. Greenstreet. The lodge was first located on Wood Street in "Old Town" Lebanon. Currently the lodge is located at the corner of Second and Madison Streets in Lebanon.

The Laclede Lodge and its members have stood the test of time. From the beginning, the lodge had to survive a Civil War and hardships from local congregations who did not understand the mystic brotherhood. Today the lodge thrives in a wonderful community and gives back to that community at every turn.

Mr. Speaker, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons can be proud of the 150 year history they have in Lodge No. 83 and with the Lebanon and Laclede County communities. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating Lodge No. 83 for 150 years of fine service.

HONORING OUTSTANDING TEACHERS IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I am privileged to honor some of the most treasured individuals in the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, our public school teachers. As a product of the public school system, from kindergarten to graduate school, I am especially proud to recognize the work of teachers in my district.

Public school teachers are unsung heroes who labor tirelessly in the classrooms and on the playing fields. They are the backbone of our education system in Texas and truly worthy of high praise in this chamber.

While you will never find a teacher on a Fortune 500 list, teachers train and educate the men and women who become leaders in our nation's economy, government, and houses of worship. Teachers push our children to learn and make a contribution to our communities, and all too often they do so without the thanks that they so richly deserve. Public school teachers are some of our communities' most valued leaders.

Many school districts in the Fifth District of Texas honor their Teachers of the Year, and today I am pleased to showcase several individuals whose care, dedication and hard work have earned them that special recognition. They include: Nancy Bagwell—Dallas ISD; Paula Conditt—Malakoff ISD; Jason Cunningham—Malakoff ISD; Lisa Cunningham—Richardson ISD; Shannon Hansel—Palestine ISD; Joy Hounsel—Sunnyvale ISD; Betty Mendoilea—Elkhart ISD; Nancy Northcutt—Palestine ISD; Jennifer Pugh—Malakoff ISD; Cindy Smith—Malakoff ISD; Rick Urbanczyk—Richardson ISD; Ann Wilson—Mabank ISD.

Mr. Speaker, these teachers have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I thank them for their service to our children and our future.

UNITED STATES-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to express my concerns regarding both the Chile Free Trade Agreement and the Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

While, I support free trade with Chile and Singapore in principle, this agreement is a serious erosion of the noble position we stood up for in prior agreements in regards to upholding labor rights. I recognize that free trade has the potential to provide an opportunity to expand markets for U.S. goods and services. However, if we do not first guarantee fair trade; we do not have free trade.

Fair trade agreements are an important way to maintain the United States' leadership in